



Christchurch Village Newsletter

October 2013

Welcome to the October edition of The Heron.

Editor(s) required for The Heron

After what was meant to be a temporary arrangement until a suitable village member could be found, almost 2 years have gone by of babysitting the local newsletter; The Heron.

Certain aspects of running our local newspaper/letter every month has shown us many things about village life and people, and it is with that knowledge we have decided to stand down in our roles of editors at the end of this year.

Over the months we have struggled at times to find content, balance, patience and Impartiality, and very much urge all those who show interest to realise the responsibility that is 'The Heron'.

We have found living a short distance outside the actual village is somewhat of a disadvantage in keeping up with and attending local events, and the constant lack of input by residents has over the months we feel, left the newsletter lacking in vital information and reporting of village life.

We therefore open the door for a new and local resident(s) to take up the challenge of this voluntary post.

Obviously, in the format The Heron is published at present, you should possess not only a strictly impartial interest in the editing, but be at least computer literate in E mail, MicroSoft Word/Publisher, and at least a minimal graphics programme i.e Paint or Photoshop. Although other formats to suit the new editor(s) computer skills could be considered if need be.

The committee will be happy to receive written or email applications and they will be informally interviewing/appointing the role of editor(s) hopefully in good time to be responsible for The Heron's publishing as of January 2014.

To apply, ask questions, or show interest in joining the team, in whatever role please send your details to:- The Editor, The Hollies, March Road, Tipps end, Wisbech. Or email us at editor@theheron.info

Please everyone bear in mind that if no suitable offer to take over the role is found, by the end of October ,as of January 2014 The Heron Newsletter will no longer be in print.

Paul and Mandi Warren

Recycle Banks

The clothing bank is back on the playing field car park in Christchurch.

Please make use of it for all your unwanted articles of clothing shoes etc if it is not seen to be required we may loose it again.



There is also 2 bottle/glass banks, a book/video bank and a newspaper/magazine/paper bank.

Please make good use of these recycling units .

Parish Newsletters Article Canvass 2013/14 Press Release

Voter registration forms will be dropping through letterboxes from the 2nd October 2013 and Fenland District Council urges you to confirm your details as soon as possible.

They require a response from every household, even if your details have not changed. You may not realise that you have to register every year and that you are not automatically registered even if you pay Council Tax. You may also find that not being on the electoral register can affect your credit rating.

If we do not receive a response, canvassers will be out door knocking non-responding properties to obtain information from late November 2013 till January 2014. All canvassers will carry official ID.

To ensure your details appear on the register, you need to respond by 10th February 2014 at the very latest.

If once you have responded your circumstances change, or you do not receive a form, or you have a query about registration, please contact the Electoral Services team.

To contact Electoral Services call 01353 654321 or email: elections@fenland.gov.uk

Walter Chamberlain

Would like to send his sincere

Thanks to everyone who sent cards

and well wishes

During his recent spell of illness.

Peggy Warby

Would like to send her thanks to

Everyone who sent cards flowers

gifts and called with get well wishes after
my recent operation.

But most of all Graham, my husband, who
is doing a grand job looking after me.

I am slowly improving and hope to enjoy
a walk in the village soon.



Cambridgeshire
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Carers Away Day

Friday 11 October 2013

10 am to 3.30 pm

Venue: The Holiday Inn Lakeview, Bridge Way, Histon, Cambs CB24 9PH

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Do **you** provide unpaid care and support to a family member or friend?

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- ◆ The GP Carer Services Prescription for free information, support and a break, provided by Carers Trust Cambridgeshire (Crossroads Carer Services).
- ◆ Self Directed Support for adult social care and how this can help you to stay independent.
- ◆ Welfare Benefits.
- ◆ Balancing paid work and caring and accessing training for employment.
- ◆ Finding good quality care.

Information stands available from 12 noon onwards.

Refreshments served all day and a buffet lunch.

Fun in the afternoon, including:

- ◆ Hand & neck massage
- ◆ Music Therapy
- ◆ Art
- ◆ Swimming/Aqua Fit
- ◆ Gym
- ◆ Pedicure/toe nail paint
- ◆ Pilates/Yoga

Booking is essential as spaces are limited.

There may be support for you to attend the event so please ask for any assistance you might need to come.



Upwell Health Centre Newsletter

September 2013

A lot of water has passed under Church Bridge in Upwell since my last newsletter, even at the rate of flow in the Welle Creek! The practice has had many significant changes and we are already starting our 2013 flu vaccination campaign.

The most notable change has been the retirement of Dr David Bevan. David had been a doctor here since the mid 1980's when he replaced the late Maurice Handoll. During his time he pioneered the computerisation of the practice in 1987; played a huge role in the MAGPAS service in the area, finishing off flying around in the helicopter ambulance saving many lives; spent several years as the Chairman of East Cambs and Fenland PCT; fascinated us all by his often extraordinary wardrobe and looked after a large number of patients with psychological problems who miss him now he has left. He is still doing the occasional locum shift in other practices in the area but is mainly taking it easy. I'm sure you will join me in wishing him a long and happy retirement.

Dr Vineet Bhardwaj has been appointed a partner in David's stead and Dr Heidi McDowell and Dr Gavin Unamboowe have been appointed as salaried GP's. The two new doctors are doing 7 days a week between them. This means we are now offering many more hours a week consulting time following David's retirement even allowing for the fact I am now working at the CCG on Thursdays. Heidi is an experienced GP who has moved to the area to be with her new husband, while Gavin has just completed his GP training having spent the last year as our GP trainee. We also have a new trainee who you may remember as she has already spent six months with us a few years ago. Dr Rebecca Smith will be with us for the next year until she too completes her training. While on the subject of the doctors I feel I must make a mention of the other Dr. Williams who has been helping us out so much over the last two years. He found it amusing that I was often referred to as the old Dr. Williams, I hope because I had been here longer! He had recently retired from a Wisbech practice and is several years my senior and was flattered by the inference about his age. He is currently not working in the practice but is on stand by should he be needed for any future sickness or maternity cover. I mention him in order to profoundly thank him for all his invaluable help.

The growth in the size of the practice in recent years has put a strain on our nursing team which has also been unfortunate in having a series of long term sickness episodes. The upshot of this has been that a lot of the care for people with chronic disease that the nurses have done has been missed. Notably diabetic and spirometry clinics have got well behind and the smoking cessation service has been quite restricted. We felt we had to take action to address this problem and we have been very lucky to be able to appoint Angela Mills in the new role of Long Term Conditions Specialist Nurse. Angela, until recently, was the matron on the medical unit of Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Kings Lynn, prior to that she was a diabetic specialist nurse in the hospital. Angela started with us in July and has so far been concentrating on the diabetics in the practice. She is rapidly catching up with the clinics we have missed and if you are a diabetic and you haven't met her yet I am sure you will very soon. As her title implies she will not only be looking after diabetics. The next diseases she will be taking on the long term monitoring of are essential hypertension (raised blood pressure) and ischemic heart disease (angina and heart attacks).

Continued...

This will mean that those of you on repeat prescriptions for blood pressure tablets, heart tablets and diabetes treatments will in future have to make appointments with Angela for your routine reviews. Angela is fully trained in looking after these conditions and will be delighted to meet you and do your checks. The effect this, and the other changes I mentioned earlier, will have on the rest of the practice should mean that it will be easier for everyone to book an appointment with the doctor of their choice without having to phone up on the day, which is the way things have been for the last year or so.

I now come to the news on the flu vaccination campaign. As usual we recommend that all of our patients over 65 should have a flu injection. Also any adult who suffers from a long term condition which makes them more likely to be unwell with flu. The list of qualifying conditions include diabetes, people who have had a heart attack or have angina, heart failure, congenital heart disease, asthma, COPD and other chronic lung disease, chronic kidney disease, stroke, TIA's in the past and degenerative neurological disease, those who are immunosuppressed due to disease or treatment e.g. steroid therapy. You may also have the vaccine if you are the main carer of a disabled person or if you live or work in a care home.

This year there is a new flu vaccine for children aged 2-10 which instead of being an injection is administered as a spray up the nose. This vaccine has been used in other countries for several years and has proved both safe and effective. This year we are offering the new vaccine to ALL children aged 2 or 3 on September 1st this year, and to all children with one of the qualifying conditions listed above between 4 and 10. Over 10 and you will be given the usual injection. The only exception to this are very severe asthmatics where the spray up the nose may trigger the asthma; this group need vaccinating but will be offered the injection.

There will be three Saturday Morning vaccination clinics as usual. The clinics will run from 8 am until 11am and we ask you contact us in advance to be given an indicative time to attend, this will ensure you do not have to wait too long. The clinics will be on:

September 28th
October 5th &
October 12th

Finally I would like to welcome back to the practice Paula Howe our dispensary manager. Paula has been off since January undergoing the grueling treatment needed for her cancer. I am pleased to say she has now completed her treatment and is being phased back into work during September. I am sure pharmacy will benefit from having her guiding hand back on its tiller.

Dr Paul Williams
5.9.13

Upwell Health Centre Patient Participation Group

Will be holding a Prize Draw for vouchers to spend locally
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CHRISTCHURCH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS **Minutes of the September 10th 2013 WI Meeting**

Tracy welcomed members and visitors in the absence of Peggy who was having a short stay in hospital.

Apologies were received from Peggy, Florrie, Kath, Wendy, Belinda and Margaret H.
Minutes were signed .

Correspondence

Invitations from Welney and March St Mary's about their Harvest events .

Details about subscription changes for next year and the Fruit Cake Competition.

Information about the Great Food Debate and also how members could be involved with campaigns on excess baggage and saving our high streets.

Other Matters

From January 2014 we shall be holding our meetings in the dining room at Townley School until other premises are available. A group photo will be taken outside the Memorial Hall when a suitable date can be decided on.

Sick Visitors Peggy in hospital for short stay.

Birthdays. Anne, Sue N and Tracy

Speaker

The Speaker was Clare Ashmeade from The Queen's Shoes. She explained how she came to set up her business. Members enjoyed looking at a vast array of ladies shoes, handbags and trimmings which made a considerable difference when clipped to an ordinary pair of shoes. Several members expressed an interest in visiting her shop which can be found at Unit 6 Sedgeway Business Park, Witchford. She was thanked for a lovely, enjoyable evening by Margaret Sparrow.

Next Month- The October Meeting. Travels in China
Competition. Holiday Memories (not judged).

Raffle prize rota. Kath, Lucy, Margaret H and Florrie.

Competition Results. Mini Quiche

Val 4 points Margaret S. 4 points . Beryl was awarded a voucher for gaining 50 points in the monthly competitions.

Big Thank You

From Sandra Kaye

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and attended

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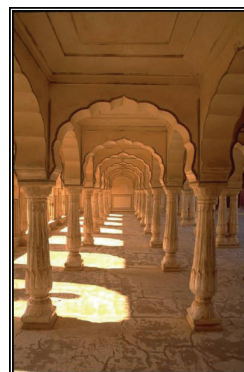
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*Institute of Public Care report December 2010 "Estimating the number and distribution of self funders of care in England"

Jam Making Time in Christchurch
As hand written in the 1940's

During the war years 1941, 1942, and 1943 members of the Women's Institute opened a jam centre at the Townley School.

A permit for sugar was obtained, and fruit was bought locally. After the jam had been passed by officials it was sold to local shops. Amount sold :

1941 - 1032 lbs
1942 - 644 lbs
1943 - 379 lbs

Total : 2,055 lbs

Workers received a badge for their services. Has anyone still got one of these badges? if so the W.I. would like to see it.

Canning Fruit
As reported in the local newspaper

Christchurch Women's Institute have obtained a canning machine of their own, too late for the soft fruit, but they have had many sessions with the hard fruit. The canning took place in the kitchen of Ivy House, home of Mrs. Pate President.

How have we found this information

In 2013 the Isle of Ely Federation of Women's Institutes was awarded A Heritage Lottery Grant to record the life of women in Fenland over the past 100 years. Every W.I. is able to participate in this interesting project.

Christchurch members have been very busy reading and recording items of interest from our minute books since the W.I. was formed in 1928. This has now been completed and all the Christchurch minute books, scrapbooks and other items of interest are now stored at Wisbech museum for safe keeping and will always be available to us. This is part of the project to preserve for the future. Our next part of the project is oral interviewing followed by photography. This will produce an exhibition put together by members to tour the region and to be available for loan to schools, history societies etc. It will be completed in 2015 which will also be the centenary of our National Federation.

Margaret Sparrow

Heritage Lottery Project committee member.



The Art class run by artist Stuart Green in the Memorial Hall on 17th September was a huge success and well attended. The evening demonstrated using solid oils as a medium which everyone enjoyed and took home their individual masterpieces.

Another evening with Stuart is planned, dates to be arranged and announced. Thank you all for attending and supporting

Wendy



Garden Club September 2013



Hellooooo! I was hoping for an 'Indian summer' but you never know it may come about.

Did you enjoy your summer? Garden club produced a coach trip from nowhere, we were close to filling all the seats but unfortunately we had some who had to cancel however off we went to RHS Wisley Gardens plus they had a very good 'flower show' trade stands' were also there and of course there is always a must have plant. A very good day enjoyed by one and all on September 8th.

We have just enjoyed our club night as we got together listening to the enthusiasm members bring with them. Chrysanthemums were being shown tonight very ably I might add by Mary and Alan who run a very successful school of gardening in Manea.

The chrysanthemum is a very old species of flora to be used for many occasions, the shape are so varied, size is very varied plus the colour spectrum cannot be bettered. Its show time for the chrysanthemums just now try to go to a show somewhere locally run by other villages, listen to the banter about the bloom they couldn't show, better still enjoy the atmosphere, take time to look and ponder. Watch this space I may have news!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 22nd October Peter will be showing his Owls and Falcons, this is a wonderful opportunity to see these lovely birds and pay us a visit for an interesting evening. My pun 'two for one'.

Contact for details 01354 638024

Se Bubbles

P.S My news is I have just found out there is a real Chrysanthemum Show on October 26th 2 p.m Being held at Dobie's/Tesco's very large complex near Hampton.
Where/How -> Bus to Queensgate, then bus to Hampton from Queensgate, ask for Tesco's and 'wallah' you are there. I can't believe my luck.
I'm so excited.

P.R.PARKER

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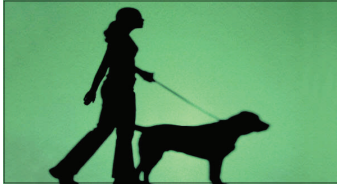
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This term in class 1 the children have decided to have a farm topic. We have used our own ideas to create indoor and outdoor farm areas. You can also see our favourite farm animals on the beautiful display we have created in class. We used lots of different textures to create a cow, duck, horse and pig. The photographs below show us busy collaging some of these animals.



Townley School are collecting the Morrisons Lets Grow.

Diary Dates

2nd October- School Photographer pm
10th October - Harvest Festival at the Parish Church
21st / 22nd October - Parent's Evening
28th October - 1st November - Half Term
4th November - Teacher Training Day
7th November - 'Bedtime Read'
8th November - Special Remembrance Assembly at the village memorial
25th - 27th November Year 4/5/6 residential visit to Burwell
9th / 10th December - School Christmas Presentation
17th December - Christingle Service
18th December - whole school visit to see 'Beauty and the Beast' (Cressett Theatre)
20th December - last day of term
7th January 2014 - Spring term Opens



Please save your vouchers for us!



Sept '13



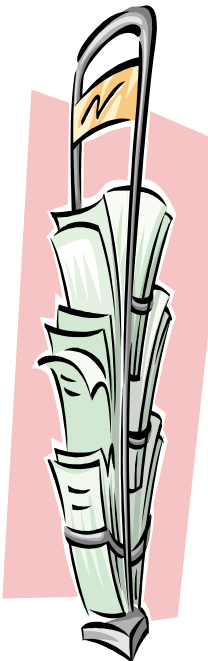
CHRISTCHURCH CRAFT CLUB

This month's craft club was 'bring and make'. Lots of the girls brought their ongoing projects, and we decided to start the clear out of the craft cupboard in readiness for the Memorial hall closing end of the year.

Anyone wanting anything from the cupboard made a donation towards the 'Macmillan Coffee Morning' being held in the Hall by Sandra Kay. Any other contents will also be up for sale at the coffee morning.

At next months meeting we will be decorating wooden boxes using decoupage, why not come along and join us - everyone is welcome, no matter where your interest in craft lies. Entrance is £1.00 plus 50p for raffle and 20p for refreshments.

Please come and join us you don't have to come to every meeting! Meetings are held on the first Tuesday in the month, starting at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. For more information ring **Wendy Yates on 01354 638448.**



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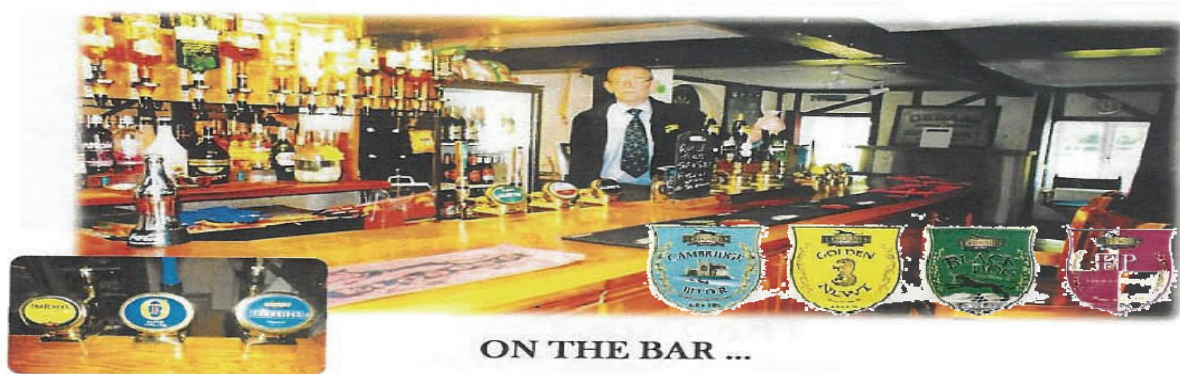
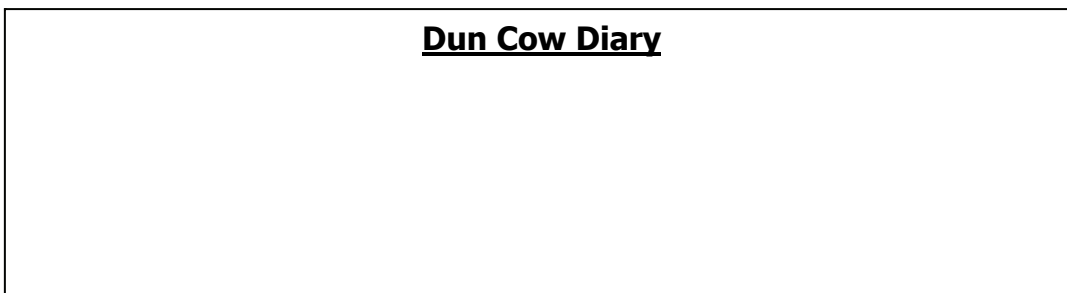
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Christchurch Parish Church Christchurch Parish Church Harvest Supper Harvest Supper

Saturday 12th October 2013

6.30pm in Townley School

Menu

Homemade Chicken and Vegetable Pie OR

Homemade Cheese and Vegetable Pie (V)

New potatoes

Seasonal vegetable

Choice of Dessert

Tea or coffee

(Soft drinks will be provided, but you may like to bring your own alcoholic beverages)

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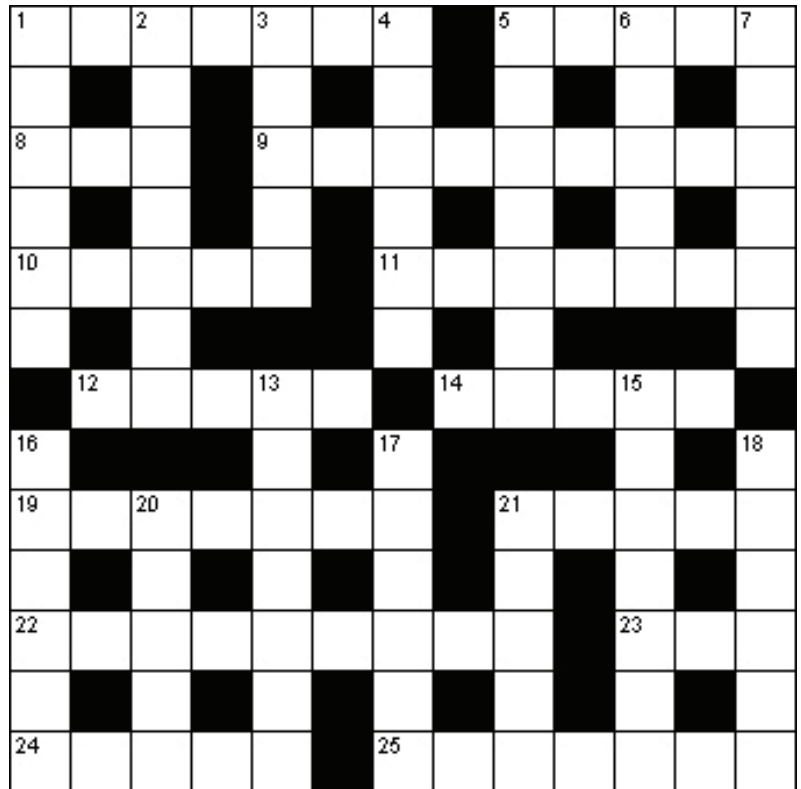
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PARISH CHURCH SERVICES OCTOBER

6 th October	11:00am	Revd K. Fitzgibbon	Harvest Thanksgiving/ All-Age Worship
13 th October	9:30am	Revd K. Fitzgibbon	Holy Communion
20 th October	6:30pm	Revd K. Fitzgibbon	Evening Prayer
27 th October	11:00am	S. Tooke	Morning Prayer
3 rd November	11:00am	Revd K. Fitzgibbon	All-Age Worship

Finally a date for your diary, the Christmas fayre will be held in the village hall on Saturday 23rd November from 2-4pm.

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Christchurch Parish Council News

Draft agenda for next Council meeting 7:30pm, Monday 14th Oct 2013, Memorial Hall, Church Road.

Public and Press are welcome and can speak to the Councillors during the Public Adjournment.

1. Open, welcome and apologies
2. Signing of previous meeting's minutes September 2013
3. Disclosure or declaration of interests
4. Update on actions from previous meeting
5. Public Adjournment (time to raise issues affecting you with the Council)
6. Police Update
7. Correspondence
8. Finance
9. Review of Planning Applications
10. Parish Plan
11. Reporting of Village Concerns

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Recycling

After a few months without a textiles recycling bank I am pleased to say that a replacement has finally been received.

If you find any of the recycling banks full please either ring the number on the bank to report it or drop the clerk an e-mail so the Council can arrange for it to be emptied.

**MINUTES OF THE CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 12th AUGUST 2013 – MEMORIAL HALL CHRISTCHURCH AT 7:30pm**

Present: Councillors – Nigel Russell (Chair), Jill Bliss, Hannah Poole, William Beswick and Will Sutton (FDC). Stephen Cowell (Clerk) and 16 members of the public were also in attendance.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Freeland, Cllr Wes Poole, Cllr. Cotterell MBE (FDC), Cllr. Yeulett (CCC), PCSO Russ and Roger Gladwin.

2. Signing of minutes

The minutes of the 8th July meeting were signed, by the Chair, as true record of the meeting.

3. Co-option to the Council to fill the vacancy

The Clerk explained that two residents, Mr Roger Gladwin and Mr James Hughes have expressed an interest in becoming a councillor and following a vote by Members Mr Gladwin was co-opted.

4. Disclosure and Declarations of Interests

Cllr. Russell declared an interest in planning application F/YR13/0540/F as he is the applicant.

5. Update on action points from previous meeting

The Clerk reported that:

- Highways report that the metalled part of the village end of Crown Drove finishes adjacent to the last house. Concern was expressed that there is a large pot hole in the un-adopted part of the drove. Cllr. Sutton offered to see if he can locate some material to help fill the hole.
- The proposed improvement scheme at the Padgett's Road and Upwell Road junctions with the Sixteen Foot Bank Road where new reflective posts have been placed has now been completed.
- The Police have been written to to request increased presence at these meetings.

Cllr. Sutton reported that the keys to the sports pavilion have finally been returned to him.

6. Public Adjournment

The following subjects were raised and discussed:

- Several of the residents present registered their opposition to the proposal to have a dog walking area on the Recreation Ground. Following a short discussion Cllr. Russell requested a show of hands and all residents expressing a preference opposed the proposal.
- A resident reported that she had heard that the planning application F/YR13/0485/F was not supported by FDC Planning officers and that she felt that it would be a shame if the future of the new village hall was put in jeopardy if that sale falls through. Following a discussion the Clerk suggested that residents should contact FDC directly and register their views of support or opposition to the plans.
- It was confirmed, by Cllr. Russell, that the sale of the single plot adjacent to the Bowls Green was moving forward.
- A resident speaking on behalf of others reported that it was felt that the cutting back of trees inside the border of the Recreation Ground that overhang residents gardens was the responsibility of the Council and not residents. It was agreed that Cllr. Bliss would contact the contractor who cuts back the willows on the Recreation ground to see if he can cut back the trees overhanging resident's properties.

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- Residents requested an update on the New Village Hall project. Prior to this being given Cllr. Russell expressed his annoyance at the poster put up round the village inviting residents to this meeting as it was inaccurate and gave the impression that it was an invite made by the Parish Council. Several of those present reported that they had thought it was a Parish Council notice. The author of the notice apologised for this. It was agreed that Cllr. Russell would point out the inaccuracies in the notice after the meeting had ended. The Clerk then provided an update to the meeting reporting that 5 quotes for the renovation that has planning consent for are being reviewed by the Council along with some headline information on new build costs. The Clerk informed those present that building cannot commence until one of the plots adjacent to the Bowls Club has been sold or the two Charities merge he also reported that VAT charged on a renovation project can only be claimed back on Parish Council money spent and not money held by the Charity. The Clerk reported that a high level review of finances make a new build unlikely.
- In answer to a question as to whether the existing building could be retained if a new hall was built the Clerk reported that the Cash Flow Forecast built on expected usage does not support this as the insurance, utility bills etc would be higher than income would support and that there is no indication that two buildings are needed or would attract significantly greater income. Additionally, car parking space would be lost.
- The lack of telephone lines recently was discussed as some residents had been without phone lines for two weeks but others reported that they had chased BT and got theirs back within hours after threatening non payment of bills.

7. Police Update

The Clerk has distributed, to Members, PCSO Russ's report that included incidences of rowdy nuisance and vehicle nuisance both in Crown Avenue.

8. Correspondence Received

The Clerk brought to the attention of Councillors:

- The revised King's Lynn and West Norfolk Local Plan that is available for review and comment.
- Bowls Club request for recompense. Councillors agreed that the main fault was with the Football Club and asked the Clerk to refer the matter to them. Cllr. Sutton was asked to pass on contact details to the Clerk.
- E-mail from a resident regarding Dog Fouling, Speeding, Barking Dogs and the poor state of roads.

Cllr. Russell reported that he has received the invoice from Scott's for the work undertaken on the internal door of the Sports Pavilion.

9. Finance

9.1 The Clerk reported bank balances of £51,541.59 with cheques issued to the total of £2,941.95 to be paid from this.

The Clerk reminded Members that around £32k was earmarked for Play parks.

9.2 The following items, listed on the agenda, were agreed for payment

9.2.1 Clerk's Salary £183.78

9.2.2 The Heron £70.00

9.2.3 Advert for the Clerk's vacancy £24.00

9.2.4 Dry Wipe Marker Pens £3.29

9.2.5 Upwell Internal Drainage Board £189.54

9.2.6 Middle Level Commissioners £243.00

In addition an invoice of £1,260.00 to E. Mason & Son (Farmers) Ltd for grass cutting was authorised.

10. Wicksteed proposals for new Play Park Equipment

The proposals, in design form, were available for review. It was agreed that the proposed equipment would be an improvement on the existing equipment and would challenge youngsters more. It was agreed that the Council should obtain quotes from other companies.

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11. Planning Applications

The Council reviewed planning applications;

F/YR13/0507/O – outline planning for a single storey dwelling involving the demolition of outbuildings at Holly Tree Cottage, Crown Road, Christchurch. Councillors and residents were concerned about vehicle access to Holly Tree Cottage after the changes and felt that they could make the road less safe. The application was not supported.

F/YR13/0540/F – Erection of a 2-storey 3-bed dwelling on land north east of Brimstone House. Prior to leaving the room Cllr. Russell explained that he already has planning consent for a property on the site and that the footprint size will be no different just that the orientation will be different. Councillors felt that the change in orientation would make the views around the adjacent road corner better and supported the application.

The Council also noted planning application F/YR13/0485/F – erection of a 5-bed dwelling on land north of the Bowls Green for which it has a financial interest.

12. Proposal to provide a dog walking area on the Recreation Ground

No councillor seconded the proposal and in light of the residents' opposition the proposal died.

13. Parish Plan – Update

There were no updates above and beyond those relating to the Play Parks.

14. Raising of Village Concerns

The following items were reported/discussed:

1. Councillors expressed concerns about the lack of a Clothing Bank and the Clerk was asked to refer the lack of FDC action to Mark Matthews.
2. Street light FDC 8 in Upwell Road is on all day.
3. Water is not draining away from close to the Shop due to the drain being higher than the road and the drain near Horseshoe Cottage is damaged.
4. The Football Teams are still leaving a lot of rubbish on the playing field rather than putting it in the nearby bins.
5. Some pot holes in Euximoor Drove have been filled but the majority have not.

The Chair thanked all for attending and making the meeting a lively one and hoped that many would attend in weeks to come and then closed the meeting at 8:40pm.

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